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Father Darkleaf

By c. h. r.

s we began a New Year, I
ndering about my friend, the
nally-known after dinner spe
Edmund Harding, the No
rolina wit. He whips up an
ent after-dinner speech,
n gets it off, in masterful
n, all over the nation. In '54,
pet subject was: "We Go To
More, in '54." A year lat it
obably was (although I spe
ring him that year) "It's eat
He Alive, in '55.") Last yr. We
rd him again, and it was "96."
ll Learn New Tricks, in
st now worries me, is what
Harding's subject will for
year! Only thing I can think
is: "We'll All Go To Heaven,
'57." That is a most desirable
stination, but some of us are not
quite ready. Unless ording
mes up with a better rhyme, or
en if he does, maybe we'd best
ready.

There was a very excellent piece
New Year's Resolutions in the
nuary issue of The Patrick Ann
ader, monthly newspaper of the
ppomattox Garment Company. It
mitted that the thing to do was
ake practical resolution. If you
ake one you are likely to break,
soon as you do break, you
ease your effort to reach the goal
ought. An example: do not resolve
t to smoke a cigarette in 1957.
solve: I will cut down on smoking.
In that way, you in be trying
g to live up to the at all year.

Oft I have wondered why more
the many fine people who visit
y office do not ask whose pic-
re it is that hangs over my type-
riter desk. To my way of think-
g, it is a picture of one of the
ost handsome men to ever liv-
d, and surely one of the greats of
erature. None other than the im-
ortal Scot, the romantic Robert
urns. We hear a lot his poem,
Should Old Acquaintance be For-
t" on New Year's eve. I keep a
opy of his poems by bedside.
ne of my favorites of Burns' has
ways been, "John Anderson My
o," (in the Scotch tongue, "Jo"
eans "Sweetheart. This little
oem is brief, and as these lines:
John Anderson my jo, John,
We clamb the hill thegither,
And monie a canty day, John,
We've had wi' anither;
Now we maun tot down, John,
But hand in hand we'll go,
And sleep thegither at the foot,
John Anderson my jo!"

And so, thinking of that, I dug
p the picture today's column.
is a picture of Mother Brightleaf
nd me, about the time we were
arried. Look it that "blushing
ride, will you Lind, what happen-
d to our feet Maybe we were
fired in clovergrass and didn't know it.
Anyway, we are holding hand
that is the important thing. "And

. . . "hand in hand we'll go"

hand in hand we'll go." Good way
o start out a year. And so, today,
tarting a New Year — the 65th of
The Times-Virginian, and our 25th
— we are still "holding hands" and
our "team" will face up to whatever
destiny dishes out.

Proofreader's note: Mother
Brightleaf may not agree to that
line, "down the hill," and she's not
going to put up with Burns' word:
("Totter.")

(Answer to above note: Burns
did not have M. B. in mind. Had
he met, I wouldn't have had a
chance.)

For their twenty-fifth wedding an-
niversary, Joe Cotten gave his wife
a Rolls Royce.

RECEIVES DISCHARGE

. . . William E. Johnston

William E. (Billy) Johnston received his discharge from McGuire Air Base, Trenton, N. J. recently. He had been promoted to the rank of Staff Sergeant. He is a cashier at the Western Union Telegraph Co. He and his wife and child are making their home in Lynchburg.

Local Student On Dean's List

Among those students who are on the Dean's List for the fall quarter at Virginia Polytechnic Institute is L. G. Walton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Walton, Gladstone, Va. Only those students who make a 2.4 quality credit average or above out of a possible 3.0 are eligible for the Dean's List.

WOMANS CIUB MEETS MONDAY

The Woman's Club of Appomattox will meet Monday afternoon, Jan. 7, at 3:15 o'clock. The meeting will be held in the Elementary School. Garland Grammer, Area Supervisor of the Vocational Rehabilitation Service, of the Virginia State Board of Education for the Western Area of Virginia, will be the guest speaker. The program is being presented by the Welfare Department of the Woman's Club, of which Mrs. Hazel R. Mann is chairman. Hostesses for the meeting are: Mrs. Alfred Harwood Jr., Mrs. Frances McD. Cheatham, Mrs. W. C. Holderman, and Mrs. Thomas J. Goldsby.

'56 Record For County

The 1956 secondary road improvement program gave Appomattox County an additional 8.9 miles of hard surfaced local roads, Resident Engineer H. W. Runkle, of Appomattox, said today.

Summing up the past year's accomplishments, Runkle reported sections hard surfaced on Route 611 east of Route 26, Route 615 toward Tower Hill, Route 620 east of US 460, and Route 627 southeast from the end of the hard surface. Also, Route 638, the County Line road, and Route 1010 in Appomattox.

Almost completed, but lacking its bituminous surface, is a six - mile Federal-aid secondary project between Herndon's Store and Beckham. Runkle said the bituminous course will be applied on the $88,000 project in the spring, completing a hard surfaced loop from Stonewall to Route 26 north of Oakville.

The final open ford on Route 654 north of Vera was eliminated by the construction of a new bridge, and six older bridges were refloored for greater strength and safety, the engineer reported.

The principal primary projects for travelers to and from Appomattox County were the dividing of another section of US 460 east of Lynchburg, reconstruction and relocation of a long section of US 360 west of Amelia, and reconstruction of Route 47 between Drakes Branch and Charlotte C.H.

Following Gary Cooper's white-tie-and-tux movie with Audrey Hepburn, "Love in the Afternoon," Coop will return to what he likes doing best: a western.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable in advance.

Appomattox Park Attendance Up in 1956

A total of 64,200 persons visited the Appomattox National Historical Park during the year 1956, it was announced today by the local office of the National Park Service.

This figure represents an increase of approximately 1,700 over the year 1955.

Indications are that 1957 will see a new visitor record set, as the Jamestown Festival year, observing the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the First Permanent English Settlement in 1607, is expected to draw upwards of three million extra visitors to Virginia. Many of these are expected to visit other historic Virginia shrines, such as Appomattox.

Junior Chamber Sponsors Promotion

The Appomattox County Junior Chamber of Commerce reports that the Virginia Travel Council's complete illustrated Guide to Virginia in connection with the 350th Anniversary of the founding of Jamestown has been published. The local Jaycees raised a total of $450 to purchase a full page advertisement in this magazine, and have the town and county officials as well as the following to thank for making it possible: Appomattox Oil Co., Appomattox Hardware Co., Poe Hardware Co., Farmers National Bank, Bank of Appomattox, Times-Virginian, J. E. Sears & Co., inc.; Maude's Hot Shop, Parkway Motel, Caldwell's Tourist Court, Appomattox Hotel, H. Y. Spencer, Moses Motor Co., Grist's Motor Company and Appomattox Garment Company.

THREE MEMBERS OF FAMILY DIE WITHIN FIVE DAYS

Death has taken three members of the family of Junius T. Myers, 7426 Tidewater Dr., Norfolk within five days. Each died of natural causes.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers formerly resided in Appomattox County.

Mr. Myers was the brother of Mrs. R. W. Burkey, of Appomattox.

Mr. Myers, 88, died in a Norfolk hospital Tuesday of last week, just three days after the death of his daughter, Mrs. Elsie Myers Le Cates, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Elsie Bell Pusten Myers, 88, died at the residence Dec. 19, after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers had been married 63 yearss.

Young Farmers Elect Officers

Ray Page, of Route 4, Appomattox, has been re-elected president of the Appomattox Young Farmers Association for the year of 1957. Chosen to serve with Ray are Paul Wilburn of the Red House road as vice-president, and Bill Williamson, of Route 4, as secretary-treasurer. Advisor to the group is W. Lewis Motley, local vocational agriculture instructor.

Page led his association through its 1956 program and was recently voted the outstanding young farmer of the year in the local association. All three of the new officers attended the Southside Area Young Farmer convention in December at South Hill, Virginia. They plan to attend the state convention in Richmond in February.

The December meeting of the local association was devoted largely to program planning for 1957. Harold Bailey, district vice-president, from Buckingham, helped the group at this meeting. The association plans to meet twice a month from now until June taking up the following topics: the A. G. P. and soil bank program, proper balanced farm garden, keeping farm record, controlling vegetable insects, controlling alfalfa insects, proper maintenance of farm ponds, constructing farm fences, and construct farm buildings.

The program of work committee for 1957 for the association consists of Paul Wilburn, Fr[illegible] Cheshman Jr., and Bill Williamson. Next meeting of this association will be held on Tuesday night at 7:30, in the vocational agriculture building at Appomattox High School. Interested young farmers in the county are invited to attend this meeting on January 8.

Wingfield Named Postmaster

NEW POSTMASTER

. . . . Richard L. Wingfield

As of December 31, Richard L. Wingfield has assumed his duties as Acting Postmaster of the Appomattox Post Office. Mr. Wingfield's appointment was made by the Post Office Department, following the retirement of E. LeRoy Smith.

Mr. Wingfield, in taking over his duties, pledged that every effort would be made to continue the fine quality of service rendered in the past by the local office.

Mr. Wingfield is a native of Appomattox, and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wingfield. He graduated from Appomattox High School in 1946, and then attended Bluefield Junior College for two years before entering the U. S. Army. He served a full tour of duty and was discharged from the Army with the rank of Supply Sergeant, in December 1952. During his military service he took several courses in special clerical and supply training, at Fort Knox, Fort Sill and Fort Slocum.

He entered Lynchburg College in February, 1953, and received his B. A. degree 18 months later, majoring in accounting and political science. He served as an assistant field supervisor for the Bureau of the Census in special farm and industrial enumerations. Upon completion of this assignment, he went with Transcontinental Natural Gas Pipe Line Corporation and has been an accountant and payroll supervisor at the Unionville Station of Transco, near Culpeper.

In March of 1956, Mr. Wingfield married the former Miss Isabel McGhee, of Lynchburg.

61 PINTS OF BLOOD FOR BLOODMOBILE

Sixty-one (61) pints of blood were donated by residents of Appomattox County during the Red Cross Bloodmobile visit here on Thursday, December 27, at Liberty Baptist Church.

Although this amount was short of the county quota, members of the Bloodmobile Committee were pleased to note a considerable increase in donors over the last visit in June. Red Cross representatives with the Bloodmobile also commented on the very low rate of rejections at this visit. Only three donors were turned down and all for temporary conditions.

Donors at the Bloodmobile are listed below:

Ralph J. Arington, Ernest Baldwin, Elmer Beamer, C. S. Booth, Emily T. Bruce, Berkley Cabiniss, Chas. L. Crews, Floyd Daniel, Ray Davis, T. Hunter Dickerson, Allen Franklin, R. S. Franklin, Jr.; Edw. J. Giles, A. K. Goggin, John Hall, Hunt Hamilton, Edward Harvey, John W. Hix, W. D. Hix, III; Silas Holmes, W. A. Hunter, T. C. Jamerson, J. N. Jennings, T. R. Kestner, S. R. Lawson, Jack D. Layne, R. V. Leffers, R. V. Leffers, Jr.; Cabell G. Lewis, James A. Lewis, Dorothy Martin, Morton L. Ferguson, Frank M. McCann, Mrs. E. H. McFadden, Mrs. Frances Moore, John B. Oxford, James Patterson, W. C. Reynolds, Joseph Robertson, Robert Saunders, E. M. Sears, Myrtle C. Smith, J. E. Tibbs, Lois Tibbs, J. W. Webb, Lewis C. Wooten, Henry C. Staples, Jr.; Mrs. Lola Morris, Mrs. Nellie A. Kraus, Edward Kraus, Charles Thomas, Joseph Hix, Mrs. Minerva W. Torrence, Joseph William Goin, Dr. Stanley C. Boyce, Wilton M. Routon, Nathaniel L. Ferguson, Mrs. Betty Morris Webb, Mrs. Charles Thomas, Ottaway Martin, Gerald L. Holdren, Bill Jamerson, Edwin Carter, Mrs. Stanley Boyce.

The Bloodmobile Canteen was provided by the Appomattox Woman's Club.

Mrs. Morton Ferguson was the Appomattox County Red Cross representative for the Bloodmobile visit.

New Art Class To Start Here

The New Art Class, sponsored by the Woman's Club of Appomattox, will start on Wednesday, Jan. 9. Beginners and advanced pupils may attend. Registration will be made on Jan. 9. Classes will be held on the second floor of the Old Dormitory at the high school. Classes will be held at 7:30 and 9:30 P. M. Instructor will be Harold McIntosh, of the Fine Arts Center, of Lynchburg.

March of Dimes Drive Begins

Dr. S. R. Lawson has been named county chairman for the annual March of Dimes drive in this county. He issued the following statement yesterday:

"The 1957 March of Dimes drive will be launched here in our county and throughout the nation on January 2.

"The money received from this drive is needed, to provide for the care, treatment and rehabilitation of America's tens of thousands of polio patients. Funds are also sought to train much needed specialists in the care of the disabled and to finance further research like that which produced the Salk vaccine. We all remember the outbreak of polio here in our own county only a few short years ago. At this time there was no such thing as the Salk vaccine to use in the prevention of this most dreaded and crippling disease. Ever since that year Appomattox County still has had several polio cases each year. Now that we have the Salk vaccine, only 45.5 per cent of those people eligible in Appomattox County to receive the vaccine have done so. This is less than half of those eligible. We can eventually wipe out polio by widespread immunization to polio in 1957. Now that we have a weapon by which to fight polio, let's all increase our efforts and contributions during this January."

The following have been named to serve in the drive:

C. W. Smith, church solicitation
Mrs. Thomas Richardson, chairman Mother's March on Polio
Mrs. Crawford Davidson, Co-chairman, Mother's March
J. W. Flood, personal solicitation
S. R. Lawson, county chairman, March of Dimes drive
C. G. O'Brien, medical advisor
H. W. (Billy) Conner, campaign treasurer, March of Dimes
Mrs. J. W. Flood, secretary and treasurer, county chapter of National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis
Calvin Robinson, publicity
Mozella Price, Negro Supervisor of Negro Schools and church solicitation
Dr. Aubrey Keesee, white schools
T. DeWitt Evans, chairman of the county chapter.

BASKETBALL TEAM RESUMES SCHEDULE

The Appomattox Blue Hornets will resume their basketball schedule after the Christmas holidays, when they meet Amherst County H. S. here Friday night in a league game. The Blue Hornets, who have not shown much power up to date will try to open the New Year on a better winning record than they had before the holidays. So far this season, the team has won 3 games and lost 4. In district 4 league play they have won 2 and lost 2.

This year's squad has 8 sophomores.

On Tuesday, Jan. 8, the team will play at Buckingham in a return game.

The girls, with only one loss so far this season, and no losses in the district, will play Amherst Friday and Buckingham Tuesday.

The junior varsity record is 2 wins and 1 loss.

TAX MEETING IS ANNOUNCED

All Appomattox County farmers are invited to attend a meeting to be held at the Appomattox Court House, on Friday, January 4, at 7:30 P. M., at which time, W. J. Nuckolls, VPI Economist, will be in Appomattox County to discuss recent changes in income tax and social security laws.

This meeting will be of great aid to farmers in filling out their 1956 tax returns.

4-H Award Winners Listed

Appomattox County held its annual 4-H Achievement Dap Program on Friday, Dec. 14, at the Appomattox Elementary School. At that time, the 1956 4-H Award Winners were announced as follows:

Billy Canson Achievement; Eloise Bondurant, Maidelyn Bondurant and Carey Ann Canson, Bread Demonstration; Josephine Gunter, Eloise Rosser, Winifred Lee, and Ann Martin, Canning; Carolyn Maye, Carolyn Carter and Ellen Almond, Clothing; Ty Mabley, Dairy; Penny Abbitt, Sandra Pillow, and Helen Mann, Dairy Foods Demonstration; E. B. Drinkard, Johnny Farrar, Barbara Lee and Janice Ruth McGlenny, Electric; T. C. Torrence, Joe LeGrand, Jane Williams and Faye Elder, Entomology; Herman Varner and Joel Carnefix, Field Crops; Virginia Rush, Betty Jane Alvis, Mary Katherine Mitchell and Laura Carson, Food Preparation; Layvone May, Forestry; Luella Martin, Frozen Foods; Jean Brown, Joyce Moon, Billy King, and Linda Cheatham, Garden; Marlene Barger, Nancy Chandler, Floyd Williams and Elbert Leroy Williamson, Health; Harry Ransen and Junie Weeks, Jr., Meat Animal; Phillip Lozado and John Harrison, Poultry; Catherine Richardson and Virginia Caldwell, Recreation; Patsy Williams, Sandra Moore, Jerry Martin and Wade Rogers, Safety; Kinckle Martin and Robert Covington, Tractor.

Medals were also presented to the following boys and girls who were voted by their classmates as the 4-H member contributing the most to their individual 4-H Clubs: Gene Carson, Laura Carson, Kinckle Martin, Ann Martin, Ricky Baldwin, Sandra Pankey, Larry Torrence, Patricia Phelps, Robert Martin, Katherine Routon, Jimmy Torrence, Kathy Bragg, Joe LeGrand, Barbara Gaines, Donald Tomlin, Nancy Lewis, Bill Allen Burke, Helen Mann, James Whitehead, Suzanne Gills, Hal Flood, Robbie Lou Robertson, Thomas Pankey, Mary Lou Jamerson, Winifred Nash, Mary Katherine Mitchell, Phillip Lozado, Joyce Tolley, Johnny Canada, Betsy Williams, Barry Beale, Jane Nash, Larry Bingham, Joyce McCormick, Joel Carnefix, Carolyn Childress, Bruce Paulette, Patsy Williams, R. T Megginson, Carol Fay Couch.

During the first four months of 1957, Universal - International Studio will release twelve films - eight of which will be color and seven Cinemascope.